**AMETHYST ACADEMIES TRUST**

**CANDIDATE PRIVACY NOTICE**

(Recruitment & Candidate Information)

Welcome to Amethyst Academies Trust ("the Company") candidate privacy notice.

Amethyst Academies Trust is a "data controller". This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you.

**About this Privacy Notice**

This privacy notice explains how we collect, store and use personal data about individuals who apply for posts with our academies, or as part of our Central Trust Team.

Personal data is any information that can be used to identify you. It may include information you provide as part of an application process, information we already hold about you if you are already an employee, or information we collect from other organisations, or during online searches as part of pre-employment checks.

When we use your personal data, this is known as "processing" Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how we collect, use and share personal in relation to these processes. We comply with this right by publishing a privacy notice and making this available to you before you take part in our recruitment process.

Amethyst Academies Trust is registered as a 'data controller' with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), meaning that we are responsible for determining how your personal data is used. We have a Data Protection Officer (DPO) to help us comply with our data protection responsibilities.

Our DPO is Laura Armato (Chief Operating Officer) and they can be contacted at larmato@aatrust.co.uk. You can contact them directly, if you need any further information about how we use your personal data.

**What information do we collect?**

Amethyst Academies Trust only collects information about you that is necessary to support our recruitment and candidate management processes.

This includes:

- your name, address and contact details, including email address and telephone number;
- details of your qualifications, skills, experience and employment history;
- information about your current level of remuneration, including benefit entitlements;

- whether or not you have a disability for which we need to make reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process;
- information required to conduct statutory safeguarding checks
- information relating to your performance and conduct from current and previous employers in the form of references
- information about your entitlement to work in the UK; and
- equal opportunities monitoring information, including information about your ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health, and religion or belief.

**How do we collect your information?**

When you apply for a job with us, Amethyst Academies Trust collects your information in a variety of ways. For example, data might be contained in application forms, obtained from your passport or other identity documents, or collected through interviews or other forms of assessment. Amethyst Academies Trust will also collect personal data about you from third parties, such as references supplied by former employers, information from employment background check providers and information from criminal records checks via the Disclosure & Barring Service.

**Where will your data be stored?**

Data will be stored in a range of different places, including on your application record, in paper records, on our management systems, on our cloud-based IT infrastructure and on other internal IT systems (including email).

**Why we process your personal data?**

Amethyst Academies Trust needs to process your personal data as part of the recruitment process. In some cases, we need to use your information to ensure we are complying with our legal obligations. For example, it is required to check a successful applicant's eligibility to work in the UK before employment starts. We also have statutory duties to undertake in relation to safeguarding.

This includes using your personal data to conduct online checks for shortlisted candidates in line with the safer recruitment guidance in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024.

We have a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows us to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment, and decide to whom to offer a job. We may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims. Where we have relied on legitimate interests as a reason for processing data, we have considered whether or not those interests are overridden by the rights and freedoms of applicant and

potential employees and have concluded that this is not the case. Amethyst Academies Trust processes health information if it needs to make reasonable adjustments to the recruitment process for candidates who have a disability. This is to carry out its obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment.

Where we process other special categories of data, such as information about ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health or religion or belief, this is for equal opportunities monitoring purposes. As education providers, Amethyst Academies Trust and our academies, are obliged to seek information about criminal convictions and offences. Where we seek this information, it does so because it is necessary for us to carry out our obligations and exercise specific rights in relation to employment. We will not use your data for any purpose other than the recruitment exercise for which you have applied.

**Who has access to your data?**

Your information will be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the recruitment panel, interviewers involved in the recruitment process, managers in the area with a vacancy and IT staff if access to the data is necessary for the performance of their roles.

Amethyst Academies Trust will also share your data with third party providers such as the disclosure and barring service to obtain necessary criminal records checks. We will share your personal data with the organisations you have nominated to provide references in line with safer recruitment practices. We will share your personal data with the organisation appointed to undertake statutory background and right to work checks in line with the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Amethyst Academies Trust will share your data with our legal representatives if a legal process determines it necessary to do so, or we are required to do so by a UK court. We will share your personal data with other official bodies (for the purposes of preventing and investigation of criminal activities, including fraud). Amethyst Academies Trust will not transfer your data outside the UK without obtaining your consent or before ensuring there are appropriate contractual and security provisions in place.

**How does the Trust protect personal data?**

Amethyst Academies Trust takes the security of your data seriously. It has internal policies such as a Data Protection Policy and Records Management Policy in place to ensure that your data is not lost, accidentally destroyed, misused or disclosed, and is not accessed except by our employees in the proper performance of their duties. These policies can be viewed on the relevant academies website.

**How long do we keep recruitment data?**

If your application for employment is unsuccessful, we will hold your data on file for 9 months after the end of the relevant recruitment process. At this point it will be disposed of securely in line with our

Records Management Policy. If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained during your employment. The periods for which your data will be held will be provided to you in a new privacy notice once you are employed by Amethyst Academies Trust.

**Your rights**

As a data subject, you have a number of rights.

You can:

- access and obtain a copy of your data on request;
- require us to change incorrect or incomplete data;
- require us to delete or stop processing your data, for example where the data is no longer necessary for the purposes of processing;
- object to the processing of your data where we are relying on legitimate interests as the legal ground for processing; and
- ask us to stop processing data for a period if data is inaccurate or there is a dispute about whether or not your interests override our legitimate grounds for processing data.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact our Data Protection Officer (DPO) at larmato@aatrust.co.uk

You can also make a subject access request by emailing this address. If after contacting our DPO, you believe that we have complied with our data protection obligations, or upheld your rights appropriately, you can complain to the Information Commissioner at https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/

**What if you do not provide your personal data?**

You are under no statutory or contractual obligation to provide data to Amethyst Academies Trust during the recruitment process. However, if you do not provide the information, we may not be able to process your application properly, or at all. You are under no obligation to provide information for equal opportunities monitoring purposes and there are no consequences for your application if you choose not to provide such information.

**Last review**
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